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Docket No. 13200.18.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
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David O. Keith)
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Serial No.: 10/626,127) Art Unit
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Filed: July 23, 2003)
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Conf. No.: 8371)
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For: HIGH STRENGTH COMPOSITE WALL)
CONNECTORS HAVING A TAPERED END)
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Examiner: Brian E. Glessner)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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